



# *Proclamation*

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## **To the Hawai'i Coalition Against Sexual Assault**

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i Coalition Against Sexual Assault, which includes the following sexual violence victim services providers:

- Hawai'i Island YWCA, Sexual Assault Support Services;
- Kaua'i YWCA, Sexual Assault Support Services;
- Maui Child & Family Services, Sexual Assault Support Services; and
- O'ahu Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children, Sex Abuse Treatment Center

has a thirty-year track record of educating the citizens of Hawai'i about sexual violence and how it continues to affect hundreds of people of all genders, ages, and abilities—racial, cultural and economic backgrounds—gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i Coalition Against Sexual Assault works in partnership with state/city/federal government agencies, county victim-witness representatives, local college campuses, and community organizations who underserved populations to increase public awareness and support of agencies that provide services to sexual assault victims; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i Coalition Against Sexual Assault provides a continuum of essential victim services including 24/7 on-call crisis intervention; 24/7 medical-legal advocacy; therapy, case management, and legal systems advocacy; and sexual abuse prevention and education; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i Coalition Against Sexual Assault goals includes raising awareness about the fact that nearly 3,000 individuals receive sexual assault services in the State of Hawai'i last year;

**THEREFORE I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE**, Governor, and **I, BRIAN SCHATZ**, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim April, 2011, as

## **“SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH”**

and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us and other communities across our Nation to draw attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and that we must all work together to address the problem.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-third day of March, 2011.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

BRIAN SCHATZ  
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i